GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Road Accidents
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road accidents are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details of people killed in road accidents caused by drivers without licences, two-wheelers without helmets, on railway crossings, in the absence of bridges and due to patholes and speed breakers during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to minimize the number of road accidents under the provision of the Indian Penal Code and Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 along with the details to prosecution filed in these cases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. State/UT −wise number of persons killed in road accidents caused by Drivers driving vehicle without licence, on railway crossings and due to pot holes and speed breakers during the last three calendar years i.e 2013 to 2015 are at annexure-I.

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways compiles accident data in a format developed as per the Asia Pacific Road Accident Database (APRAD) project of United Nations Economic

and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP) region. The specific data for number of persons killed on two wheelers without helmet and deaths caused in absence of bridges are not compiled in this format. However, State/UT wise total number of persons killed in road accidents on motorized two wheelers during the last three calendar year i.e. 2013 to 2015 is at annexure-II

(c) The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2016 has been introduced in Lok Sabha for consideration and passing. The amendment, inter-alia, seeks to achieve the following objectives relating to Strengthen Enforcement and Road Safety:

1) Increased penalties for violation of provisions relating to the rules of road regulations, other provisions of the Act by owners/drivers of motor vehicles, dealers, and bus body fabricators. The parents or guardians of juveniles committing offence under the Motor Vehicle Act are also proposed to be brought under the purview of the Act:
2) Recognition of driver refreshing training course as a remedial measure in case of suspension of licence.
3) Strengthening driver training for grant of transport licence within a stipulated timeline.
4) Mandatory automated testing for fitness certification.
5) Insertion of legal provision to recognize Good Samaritans who help accident victims.
6) Empowering the State Government to regulate pedestrians and non-motorized transport.
7) Inclusion of recall provision for motor vehicles and investigation of non-compliance by automobile industry.

Enforcement for regulations and prosecution for violation comes within the domain of State Governments/UTs.